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1. LANGUAGE CHANGES NOTED PARA 1 REFTEL PASSED ON TO CANADIANS.

2. RE SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR HUMAN SETTLEMENTS CONFEX, AGREE WITH DEPT THAT IT WOULD BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE FOR US TO TAKE LEAD. ON SAME SUBJECT. MEMBER CANADIAN DELEGATION INFORMALLY TOLD MISOFF THAT CANADA HAS NO INTENTION TAKING LEAD, IN FACT THAT IN CANADIAN VIEW ANY EFFORT TO STIPULATE 30-35 MAN MEMBERSHIP DESTINED TO FAIL, SINCE IT IS AN ODD NUMBER (CANNOT BE TIED DOWN TO ANYTHING CONCRETE, SUCH AS 27, WHICH WOULD BE SAME AS COMMITTEE ON BUILDING AND HOUSING, OR 58 WHICH WOULD BE SAME AS UNEP GC) AND WOULD ONLY BE INTERPRETED BY LDC'S AS MEASURE TO REDUCE THEIR PARTICIPATION. CANADIAN DELEGATE

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ALSO POINTED OUT THAT IF LARGER NUMBER, I.E., 58,

AGREED TO, IN REALITY PROBABLY ONLY 35-45 WOULD BE IN PERMANENT ATTENDANCE, WHICH WOULD BE ABOUT EQUAL TO THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE OF 27 PLUS OBSERVERS. CANADIAN ALSO POINTED OUT THAT COST NOT A REAL FACTOR, SINCE MAJOR COSTS OF COMMITTEE NOT NECESSARILY RELATED TO MEMBERSHIP SIZE.

3. WHEN ASKED WHO MIGHT TAKE LEAD IN PUSHING FOR 30-35 MEMBER COMMITTEE, CANADIAN DELEGATE SAID HE COULDN'T SUGGEST ANY NAME NOW BUT THAT IT WOULD HAVE TO BE ONE OF THE EE'S, WHICH ONE REASON SUCH A PLAN DESTINED TO FAIL.

4. USUN FINDS ARGUMENTS OF CANADIANS COMPELLING AND DOES NOT INTEND TO CONTACT OTHER DELEGATIONS REGARDING SPEARHEADING DRIVE FOR 30-35 MAN MEMBERSHIP.
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